

ON THE APPOMATTOX
NEWS NOTES CAUGHT UP IN THE
COCKADE CITY.

Marriage Announcement—A Painful But Successful Operation—A Painful Brief Mention.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 22.—(Special.)—Mr. J. T. Gibbs, a popular young citizen, will be married to-morrow night at the residence of the bride, on South street, Miss Louise V. Sermons, a charming lady. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. W. A. R. Goodwyn, rector of St. John's Episcopal church in the presence of a large number of friends.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.
Rev. Dr. E. M. Peterson, the beloved pastor of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, underwent a painful, but successful, operation to-day, at the home for the sick. Some time ago, while eating, Dr. Peterson accidentally cut his lip. The wound healed, but a hard formation appeared, which became so unsightly and troublesome as to cause some uneasiness, and rendered the Doctor unable to preach with comfort. The abnormal growth was to-day successfully removed, and the patient will be in a few days.

GENERAL NEWS.
Mr. A. L. Washburn, of New York, who has just purchased the valuable "Home-wood" estate, on James river, passed through town this morning on his way to take immediate charge of the property. He was accompanied by a man whom he has engaged as overseer.
Hon. Sidney P. Epes was in the city to-day. He does not feel any uneasiness over the contest for his seat in the next Congress. His majority is too large for the election was too far to make any change in his opinion.

Miss Mollie Purcell is seriously ill at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. William T. Plummer.

WYTHEVILLE.

A Slick Robbery—May Give the Republicans Trouble.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 22.—(Special.)—Professor and Mrs. W. A. Evans, of Sharon, Blaine county, were in Wytheville Saturday doing some holiday shopping, and left late in the evening on their return trip home, which is some eighteen miles from here. On the back of their vehicle was tied a valve, in which was stored some valuables. When they reached home they found that the straps holding the valve had been cut and the valve and its contents stolen. The Evanses returned to the Wytheville property, but he failed to find a clue to the thief or the property. He says that he is confident that the robbery was committed while they were ascending or descending the mountains between Wytheville and Sharon.

An exceedingly pretty, but unusual, phenomenon was witnessed in the eastern sky here Monday night, about 8 o'clock. It was three distinct rainbows. Two of them were exceedingly bright, while the third was not so much so. They were visible for nearly fifteen minutes. The Evanses returned to the Wytheville property, but he failed to find a clue to the thief or the property. He says that he is confident that the robbery was committed while they were ascending or descending the mountains between Wytheville and Sharon.

Edward H. Hays, a well-known young negro of this place, formerly a teacher in the negro free schools here, has announced that he is a candidate for the post-office here. There are also two other aspirants for the office, but they are not yet known. But Postmaster Kent's time does not expire until July, 1898. This negro "in the wood-pile" may give the Republicans some trouble. Without the negro vote the Republicans would have lost this county and district by a large majority in November. The Republicans are indebted to the negroes, but whether they will admit the debt and pay it is another question.

Cadet Roy Sexton, of this place, has been forced to leave the Virginia Military Institute, on account of his eyes.

Lee Trinkle is the son of the University for the holidays.

Mr. J. R. Belling has returned from a trip to Washington city.

Chesley Peoples, a county prisoner, who escaped from the jail here some months ago, ventured to return to town, and was captured by Policemen Moyer and Belvin on Saturday night.

From present indications, our town merchants will have a fine Christmas trade.

THE OLD POINT FIRE.

Further Particulars—The Extent of the Loss.

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., December 22.—(Special.)—It was not until midnight that the fire at the Sherwood House was finally extinguished, and the conquering of the flames was largely due to the untiring efforts of the members of the Phobus Fire Department, which reached the scene shortly before those from Hampton arrived.

The main building, fronting on the street, is a complete wreck. The fire started from the kitchen, and spread from reaching the rear of the house. All the furniture in the building, however, was carried out, and deposited on the opposite side of the street by the engine-men, and was not damaged and was more or less damaged in transit.

It is the first fire we have had at the post since the introduction of water from Newport News, and it has demonstrated the fact that the pressure is not great enough to throw a stream over the top of the Sherwood House. It was not until after our steam engine and the one from Phoebus got to work, drawing water from the solid fire, that the fire was brought under control. Had this been done in the first place much of the loss might have been prevented.

From the best information obtainable, the fire appears to have originated from the furnace, which had been overheated, and caused the hot-air pipe to set fire to the walls. There was some twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars' worth of loss in the building and furniture, which will go far to making good the loss.

A number of guests who were in the house made a narrow escape, some of them in their night-clothes, and the fire was brought under control. Had this been done in the first place much of the loss might have been prevented.

The boys and girls are beginning to return from school for the holidays, and the outlook is that Tazewell will furnish them the usual gayety it generally does at the period of the year.

Captain P. S. Blair, of Wytheville, has been in town about two weeks to his usual work.

Rev. W. D. Buckner, rector of Stras Memorial church, at this place, left yesterday afternoon for his home at Norfolk, where he will spend the holidays, returning in about two weeks to his usual work.

Will Taylor, a white brickman, was run over and instantly killed Monday evening at this place by an engine. It is said that Taylor was on the front of the engine preparing to turn a switch, when he lost his foot-hold, fell in front of the engine, splitting his head open, and breaking a leg in two places.

The chief dependence of those liable to sudden colds is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

THE COHEN CO. MERCHANDISE SALE.

The enormous over-purchases of holiday preparation are to make merry Christmas merrier. Every article speaks for itself.

The Epidemic of Bargain Prices
Spreads an Unbounded Enthusiasm.

There are four hundred helpers of relief to you and us. Thousands of the most attractive, giveable things that go for half, some quarters, for the mere want of possible quantity selling.

The selling time is lengthened to 10 o'clock at night, with a band that will discourse the highest order of music and to add pleasure to night shopping.

Yesterday a leading jobber of Silks turned his entire New York stock over to



Please take small packages with you the next two days. When aisleways are crowded please keep to the right.

THE WAY SOME OF THE SILKS

will sell at special sale to-day:

Handsome Glaze (or Changeable) Taffeta Silks, every color, usual \$1 grade, to-day, 50c.

Fancy Two-Tone Pique Taffeta Silk, cost \$2.50, to-day, 1.00.

Handsome Black Taffeta Silks, new designs, to-day, 50c.

Handsome Black Brocade Silk, some colors, newest designs, 50c, quality to-day, 25c.

Handsome Black Moire Antique, usual \$1.50 quality, to-day, \$1.00.

Handsome Black Taffeta Silks, with beautiful colored stripes, 50c, quality, to-day, 25c.

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FOR SELLING. Santa Claus will have a chance for Silk gathering to-day as he has not met with in his rounds of all the stores in America.

Please take small packages with you the next two days. When aisleways are crowded please keep to the right.

THE COHEN CO.

Beautiful English Toilet Sets, containing 10 pieces, that were \$5, for \$3.75.

15.50 FANCY CHINA CUPS AND SAUCERS FOR 25c.

Beautiful French and German-China Tea, Coffee, and Bouillon Cups and Saucers, that sold upwards of \$1.50, for 25c each.

Beautiful Moustache Cups and Saucers for 15c, instead of 25c.

French-China Cake Plates, that sold upwards of \$1.50, for 25c each.

French, German, and China-China Plates, that sold upwards of \$1.50, for 25c each.

Deft Decorated Cups and Saucers, that sold upwards of \$1.50, for 25c each.

Souvenir Cups and Saucers, that were 25c, for 10c each.

FROM 10 TO 11 O'CLOCK—

we will sell 10 dozen Gold-Banded Carlsbad-China Cups and Saucers, worth \$2 a dozen, for 50c a pair.

ALL DAY—

Decorated Cuzadores, that have been 70c, for 7c each.

Beautiful Austrian- and Carlsbad-China Corner Sets, containing 10 full-size pieces, that have been selling for \$25, to-day \$12.50 complete.

JARDINIERE SALE.

Any of these Beautiful Royal Bonn- and Dresden- and Carlsbad-China sets, that were \$10, will be sold to-day for \$5.98 each.

\$3 Jardinieres and Pedestals, special for to-day 19 complete. \$2 now \$1.50; \$1 ones, \$1.50; \$4 ones for \$2; \$1.50 Jardinieres to-day 50c.

10c Decorated Jardinieres, that sold for 15c, to-day 50c each.

SALE OF UMBRELLAS.

Beginning at 8.30, until sold, 482 Heavy Twisted Silk Umbrellas, close rolling, steel rod, finest paragon frames, imported handles, for ladies or men.

Best 12 Umbrella in America, to be sold for 50c. Limit.

More than fifty other sorts of Umbrellas at half usual cost.

COLORED DRESS GOODS FOR ONE-HALF AND ONE-QUARTER PRICE.

Wide Double-Width Henriettes, in Light, Medium, and Dark shades for 50c a yard. These goods have evoted appearance of 75c quality; only they are a cotton invention that cost up to \$1.50 a yard.

3,500 yards of Two-Toned Woolen Material, were up to 25c; to-day they are \$12.50. A dress of eight yards for \$1.25.

The Finer Exclusive styles are exclusive bargains here. These goods have evoted appearance of 75c quality; only they are a cotton invention that cost up to \$1.50 a yard.

The next two days we'll hold

RELIEF SALE OF WOLLS.

Ladies' Choice for Capi that were up to \$25; coats and Capes that were up to \$20 for 10c.

All Ladies' Coats and Capes that were up to \$10 for 50c.

All Broad-Banded Brilliant Skirts that were up to \$1.50 for 50c.

All Colored and Fancy Skirts that were up to \$1.50 for 50c.

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All Children's Long Coats for one half their former prices.

FUR AND FEATHER NECK PIECES AT HALF USUAL COST TO-DAY.

Handsome 14c. Hare Feather Boas, 1 1/2 yards long, for 80c.

\$10 Seal Cases, colored, Changeable-Silk lining, new collars, \$4.50.

\$10 Elegant Ostrich-Feather Boas, at this sale \$5.

A FEW OF THE MANY HANDKERCHIEF SPECIALS FOR TO-DAY'S SELLING ARE:

Ladies' and Men's White or Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, 2c each.

50c a set for 25c.

Ladies' Sheer Pretty Embroidered White Hemstitched or Scalloped Edge Handkerchiefs, 5c.

Men's Pure Linen Best 25c Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 12-25c.

25c dozen Ladies' Sheer Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 12 1/2 to 20c; your pick, 5c each.

Ladies' Embroidered Scalloped Edge White Fork Handkerchiefs, 2c.

FROM 2 TO 3 O'CLOCK—

Ladies' Pure Linen, Best 12 1/2c.

Handkerchiefs, 5c each.

FROM 3 TO 4 O'CLOCK—

Best 10c. Hare Ribbed Fast-Black Boas, 1 1/2 yards long, for 25c a pair.

FROM 4 TO 5 O'CLOCK—

25c a pair. Ladies' Pure Linen, fringed, for 50c each.

FROM 5 TO 6 O'CLOCK—

Large 50c. White Lawn Aprons, full large size, with wide hem, tucks, or plain, for 30c.

FROM 6 TO 7 O'CLOCK—

50c. Cotton Huck Towels, colored borders and fringed, for 15c each.

STOCK OF BOOKS

is from the first publishers of England and America. A fancy juvenile is left off. Where lots are as yet very large all of the profit and some of the cost will be taken off to-day.

ONLY A GLIMPSE OF THE MANY

41 CHAFING-DISHES FOR \$1.25.

Nickel-Plated Chafing-Dishes, with alcohol-stoves, that have been \$4, for \$1.25 each.

Five-o'clock Tea-Kettles, on wrought-iron stands, that have been \$3, for \$1.25 each.

TOYS AT COST OR LESS.

NOT TO BE KEPT HEREAFTER.

Large Drums, that were \$1, for 50c each.

100 Toy Drums for 50c each.

Tin Kite Sets, that were 5 and 10c, for 3c a set.

Roller Skates for 25c.

Soldier Sets, that were \$1, for 50c a set.

Toy Chairs and Settees, that were 50c, for 10c.

10 Sailing Boats for 50c.

20c Sailing Boats for 25c.

Boat China Vases, that were 50c, for 10c each.

Toy Tea Sets, that were 15c, for 5c.